



Interconnect Mediated Access 31.0

Connection Guide

How to set up and connect to IMA

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- Removed obsolete references to Netscape and Netscape-related processes such as downloads and digital certificate exporting.
- Hardware requirements for IMA are updated to match the needs of java.

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Getting started

This guide provides

- basic information about Interconnect Mediated Access (IMA)
- software and hardware requirements
- instructions for
 - configuring Internet Explorer
 - modifying the java.policy file
 - Internet access to IMA

This guide is intended for employees of the ISC (Interconnect Service Center), IWSC (Interconnect West Service Center), the LOC (Listing Operation Center), and Competitive Local Exchange Carriers (CLECs).

This guide assumes you have a background in telecommunications local service.

IMA is available for use by CLECS in the legacy Qwest territories within the former 14-state Qwest region.

CenturyLink SYADs

CenturyLink™ system administrators create IMA accounts for all CLECs, including establishing the first CLEC system administrator and maintaining user profiles.

CLECs

CLECs interact with IMA on two levels:

- administrators create and manage all CLEC user accounts
- users manage all service requests through IMA

IMA allows CLECs access to local service elements of the CenturyLink network and electronic access to its legacy operations support systems (OSS).

CLECs use IMA to create local service requests (LSRs) and submit them to CenturyLink for processing. LSRs contain the information CenturyLink needs to create service orders for the CLECs.

System security

IMA provides a secure environment for its users.

System security	Description and access
Username and password	<p>IMA usernames and passwords for CLEC system administrators are obtained from a CenturyLink system administrator. CLEC system administrators must receive these before they can access IMA.</p> <p>CLEC system administrators give CLEC users their username and password. To ensure security, new users should change their individual password the first time they log in to IMA. (See “Changing your password” on page 25.)</p> <p>You can change your password at any time. (System administrators can also reset passwords.)</p>
User PIN and Corporate ID	<p>PINs and IDs are obtained from a CenturyLink Wholesale Markets service manager. Only users who have these credentials can enter the IMA secure environment and access its data, preventing unauthorized persons from gaining access to protected information.</p>

IMA provides an additional level of security by letting the CLEC system administrators decide the access rights users will need—administrator privileges or user privileges. Access rights define specific privileges users have to operate within IMA. If a user performs the tasks of both an administrator and a user, this user requires two IMA usernames and passwords, one as a user and one as an administrator.

An administrator can inactivate a user when necessary, preventing the user from accessing IMA and data stored in any of the databases. For more information on CLEC system administrative privileges, see the *CLEC System Administrator's Guide* (<http://www.centurylink.com/wholesale/ima/gui/index.html>).

IMA hours (Mountain Time)

Monday–Friday	6 a.m. to midnight
Saturday	6 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Sunday	11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Additional resources

Web sites

IMA Access

<https://ima.centurylink.com/ima>

Products and Services

<http://www.centurylink.com/wholesale/pcat/index.html>

CenturyLink E-Business—Digital Certificate Procedures

<http://ecom.centurylink.com>

Wholesale Customer Contacts business procedure

<http://www.centurylink.com/wholesale/clecs/escalations.html>

Wholesale Resources—IMA

<http://www.centurylink.com/wholesale/ima/index.html>

Documents

In addition to this document, CenturyLink provides four other guides to help you use IMA.

The first three guides are available at

<http://www.centurylink.com/wholesale/ima/gui/index.html>

- *CLEC System Administrator's Guide*—guidelines for managing CLEC users' accounts
- *Facility-Based Directory Listings Guide*—guidelines for submitting orders for facility-based directory listings
- *IMA User's Guide*—guidelines for preparing, submitting, and following up on LSRs

The fourth guide is available at

<http://www.centurylink.com/wholesale/training/coursecatalog.html>:

- *Loop Qualification and Raw Loop Data CLEC Job Aid*—guidelines for retrieving raw loop data and for checking whether a loop qualifies (for CenturyLink HSI/Broadband Service or for unbundled ADSL service)

Requirements

This chapter describes hardware and software requirements for IMA. If non-IMA applications are running concurrently with IMA, these requirements may need to be increased.

Note: When a new version of IMA is installed, you must log out of IMA and log back in to continue working.

Software requirements

Important: *CenturyLink only supports and certifies Windows XP as the operating system for IMA. CenturyLink recommends you use Internet Explorer 6.0 as your browser when running Windows XP. IMA may function using different browsers and Windows operating systems, however, CenturyLink will not be responsible for any problems encountered when using operating systems other than Windows XP.*

- Microsoft Windows XP
- Internet Explorer 6.0 (recommended)
- Java plug-in 1.4.2_xx or higher for Internet Explorer. However, CenturyLink recommends that Internet Explorer users upgrade to java plug-in 1.4.2_08.

Hardware requirements (minimum)

- Intel Pentium 233 MHz
- 17-inch SVGA monitor (800 x 600 resolution or higher)
- SVGA video card with 2 MB memory
- 96 MB RAM
- 56 Kbps modem or dedicated LAN connection to CenturyLink
- 200 MB free disk space (after all software installation and Windows virtual memory file allocation)

Additional memory (RAM) and a faster network connection and CPU may improve performance of IMA.

Downloading the Java plug-in

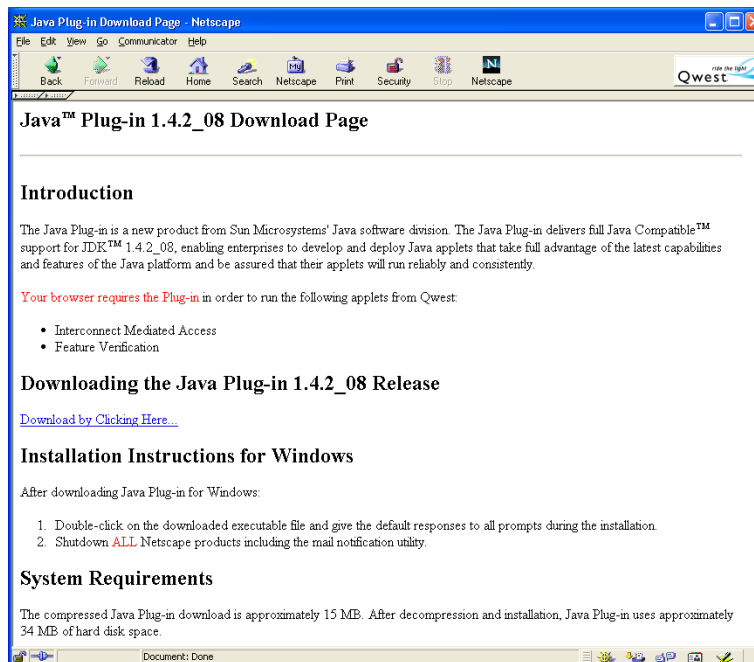
Important: CenturyLink recommends that you download your browser before installing the Java plug-in. If you download a browser after installing the Java plug-in, you must re-install the Java plug-in. The plug-in is required to access IMA PreOrder/Order/PostOrder functions.

The following IMA GUI Web site includes the link for the Java plug-in:
<http://www.centurylink.com/wholesale/ima/gui/faq.html>

- 1 Follow the online instructions for downloading the Java plug-in.

If the Java plug-in has not already been installed, an installation link for it appears on the **Plug-in Not Loaded** window in IMA, which appears only when PreOrder/Order/PostOrder is launched for the first time and the Java Plug-in has not been installed.

- 2 Click **Click here to go to the install page.**



- 3 To download the executable file for the Java plug-in, click on **Download by Clicking Here**. Save the downloaded file to your desktop so you can find it easily.
- 4 Return to your desktop.
- 5 To install the Java plug-in, double-click the file and follow the instructions.
- 6 Close all applications and restart your browser.

Note: It might be possible for an unsupported browser to run the PreOrder/Order/PostOrder GUI after the Java plug-in has been installed. If you encounter problems, however, CenturyLink first recommends that you install a supported browser.

Plug-in installation notes

If an administrator installs the Java plug-in on an NT system and then you try to run an applet requiring the Java plug-in, IMA's HTML page will check for an installed Java plug-in, find it, and think everything is okay. But when IMA invokes the applet, you will see a small window with no title and no message. The only functional items on the window are the Close button (**X**) in the upper right-hand corner and an **OK** button in the center. If this situation occurs, the Java plug-in should be re-installed by you. This scenario also occurs in a dual-boot situation, as described below.

In a dual-boot situation, where multiple operating systems are installed on the same machine, the Java plug-in installation must be done twice. This is because

- each operating system has its own system registry, which must be updated individually with the plug-in.
- the software library for each system must be updated with the plug-in.

Therefore, the downloaded plug-in **.exe** file must be run under each operating system. This will update the two registries and place the libraries in the proper directories.

If the installation is done under only one operating system, the applet will think the plug-in has been properly done under both, since the libraries will be present in the directories; however, the applet will only run properly on the operating system where the installation was performed. Under the other operating system, you will see the same small, empty window described previously.

E-business Internet connection

CenturyLink E-business digital certificates (or digital IDs) are issued for each of your employees. They are required for each personal computer used to access CenturyLink systems via the Internet.

E-business digital certificate registration is a one-time process and must be renewed every five years.

You must first request a digital certificate before starting the registration process.

Requesting a digital certificate

The CenturyLink E-Commerce group obtains the VeriSign and legacy Qwest cobranded digital certificates needed to access IMA via the Internet.

The digital certificate process is administered by the CenturyLink WSSA (Wholesale Systems Security Administration) group. This group has responsibility over these certificates for end users, including revocation of a certificate and updating user information.

To request a digital certificate

- 1 Contact your CenturyLink service manager at:
<http://www.centurylink.com/wholesale/clecs/accountmanagers.html>

Note: You may also go to the Wholesale Systems Web site at
<http://www.centurylink.com/wholesale/systems/generalinfo.html> for request information and forms.

- 2 Fill out the digital certificate request form.
- 3 E-mail the completed form to your CenturyLink service manager.

The CenturyLink service manager verifies that the information is complete and correct and then forwards your request to WSSA. The WSSA sends your information to ECOM to assign the certificate and PIN information.

Important: *All digital certificate requests must go through a CenturyLink service manager. Under no circumstances should you e-mail your request directly to the CenturyLink Wholesale Systems Security Administration group. Your request will **not** be processed.*

Once your request is processed, the information is updated in the LDAP server and an e-mail reply is sent to you. Please allow a minimum of 48 hours to process and update security databases.

The e-mail contains the following information you must have before registering your digital certificate:

- digital certificate number
- PIN
- instructions for their use

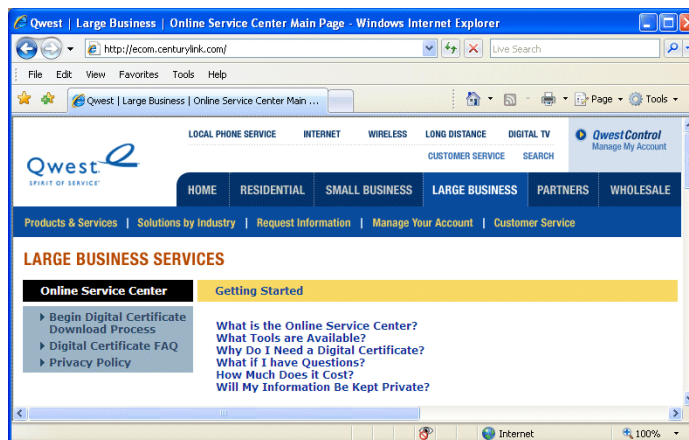
Once you've registered your digital certificate, you must have the following before you can access IMA:

- your company's corporate ID
- username
- password

Downloading your digital certificate

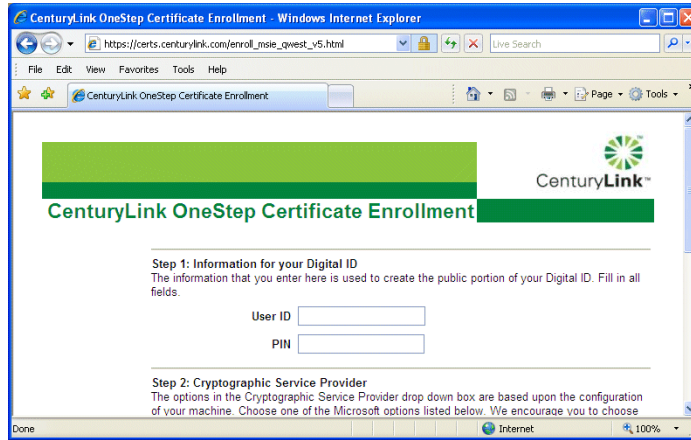
To begin the downloading process

- 1 Go to the CenturyLink Online Service Center Web site at (<http://ecom.centurylink.com>).



- 2 From the **Online Service Center** menu, select **Begin Digital Certificate Download Process**.

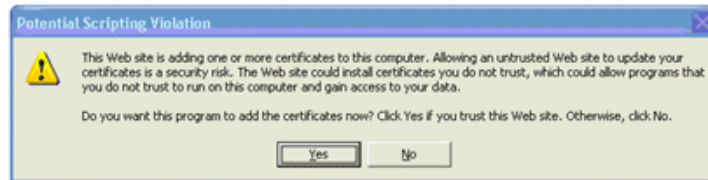
Important: *Digital certificates must be downloaded within 30 days of receipt. Digital certificates not downloaded within this time are removed from the system. If your digital certificate has been removed, you need must request a new one.*



- 3 Fill in the **User ID** and **PIN** fields and click **Accept**.

Note: The private key is used by Internet Explorer to encrypt data that is transmitted from the CLEC to CenturyLink. **It is stored only on the workstation and browser version from which the key was generated.** Multiple digital certificates may be stored on a single workstation. However, if another workstation or a different browser version is used, a new private key must be generated and stored on that workstation.

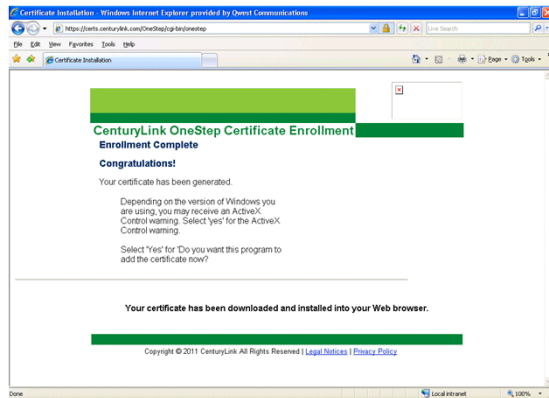
- 4 Click **Yes** if you receive an ActiveX Control warning.



- 5 Click **Yes** at the security warning to proceed with installation.

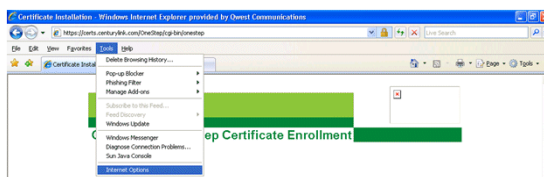


When the client digital certificate is fully loaded on the workstation, the registration process is complete.



Verifying the installed certificate

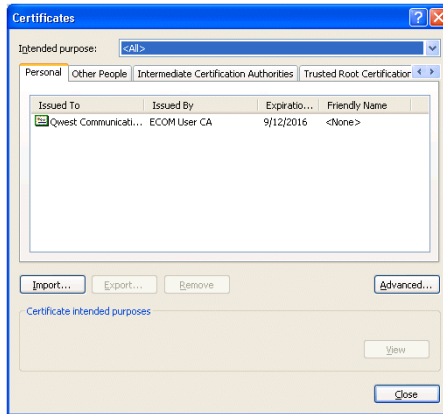
- 1 Choose **Tools > Internet Options** in your Internet Explorer browser.



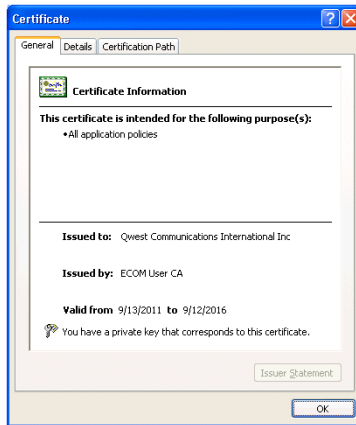
- 2 On the **Content** tab, choose **Certificates**.



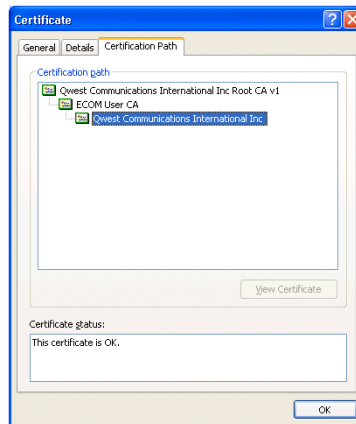
3 Double click on the certificate's name.



4 View the **General** tab.



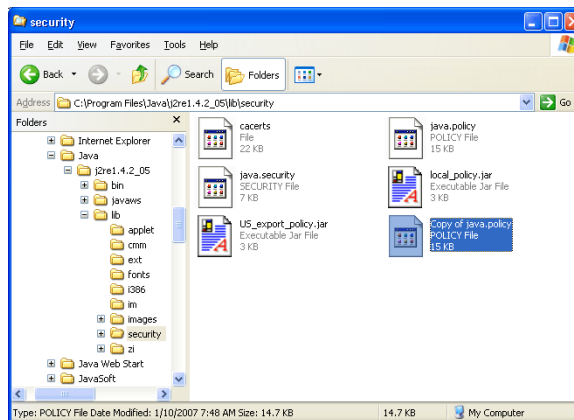
5 View the **Certification Path** tab.



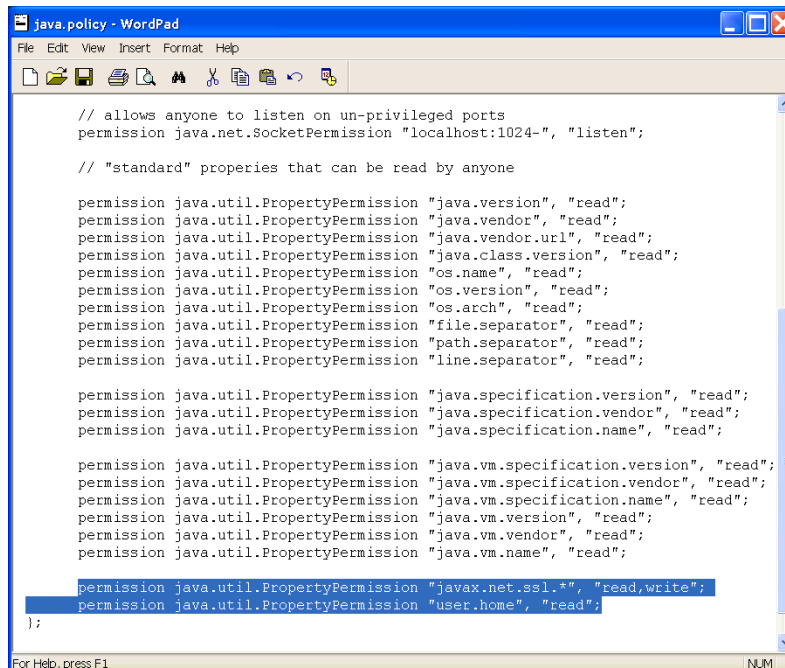
Modifying the java.policy file

Important: CenturyLink highly recommends that you create a backup copy of the java.policy file.

- 1 Using Windows Explorer, access the **java.policy** file from the folder C:\ProgramFiles\Java\j2re1.4.2_xx\lib\security (where xx is either 05 or 08. If you have folders for both j2re1.4.2_05 and j2re1.4.2_08, use the 08 folder).
- 2 Select the **java.policy** file.
- 3 Select **Edit > Copy**, then select **Edit > Paste**.
A copy of the java.policy file appears in this same folder.



- 4 Using WordPad, open the **java.policy** file.



- 5 Edit the **java.policy** file by adding the following 2 lines:

- permission java.util.PropertyPermission "javax.net.ssl.*", "read,write";
- permission java.util.PropertyPermission "user.home", "read";

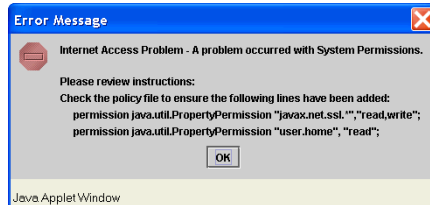
Insert these lines at the bottom of the file just above the `};` symbol.

Tip: If you're reading these guidelines in Adobe Acrobat, you can use the **Select Text** tool to select the lines of text, copy them, and paste them into the java.policy file. Copy and paste one line of text at a time eliminating the leading bullet.

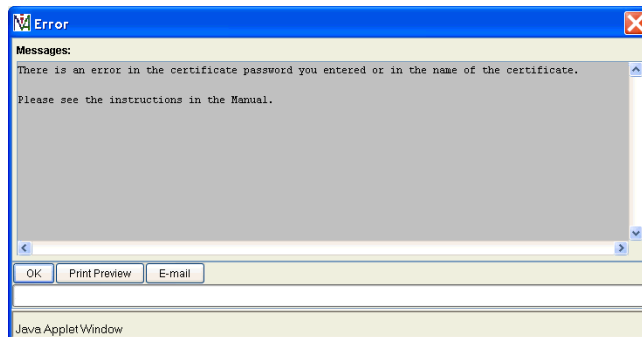
6 Save and close the **java.policy** file.

If you are unable to access the IMA PreOrder/Order/PostOrder functions after completing the above procedure, do one of the following:

- If you do not receive an error message, close all active windows and programs and restart your computer.
- If one of the following error messages displays, follow the instructions and try accessing IMA PreOrder/Order/PostOrder again:



If this error message displays, check the **java.policy** file and make sure the 2 new additional lines you entered are accurate and placed correctly.



If this error message displays, check to make sure the certificate password and name are correct. The password is one you previously entered for the certificate or **qwest1**. The certificate name in your **UserID** folder must be **QwestIMACertificate.p12**.

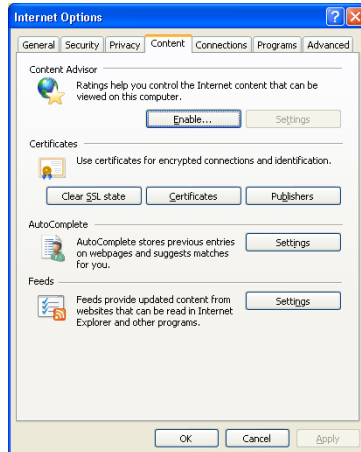
Note: For digital certificate assistance, call the CenturyLink Wholesale Systems Help Desk (888-796-9102, option 2).

Importing your digital certificate to Internet Explorer

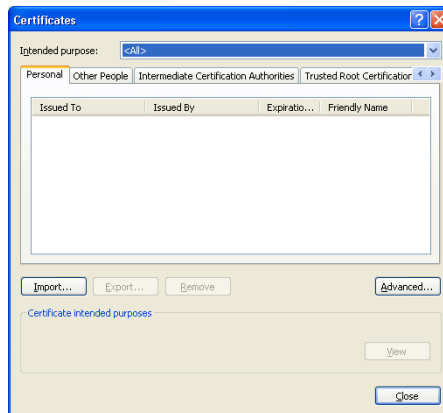
This section is for current and new Internet Explorer users and explains how to “move” your digital certificate.

All requirements for modifying the java.policy file must be completed before continuing.

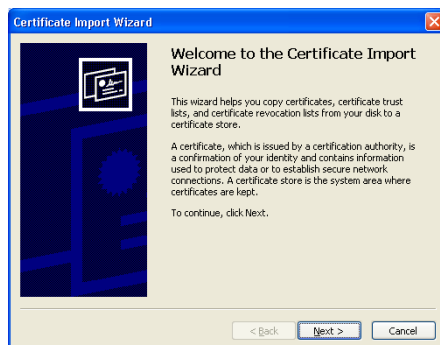
- 1 Open Internet Explorer.
- 2 From the **Tools** menu, select **Internet Options**.
- 3 Click the **Content** tab.



- 4 Click **Certificates**.



- 5 Click **Import** to activate the **Certificate Wizard**.



6 Click Next.



7 Type the URL or select **Browse to locate your certificate. Your certificate should be located at **C:\Documents and Settings** under your specific **UserID** and the file name of the certificate should be **QwestIMACertificate.p12**.**

8 Click Next.

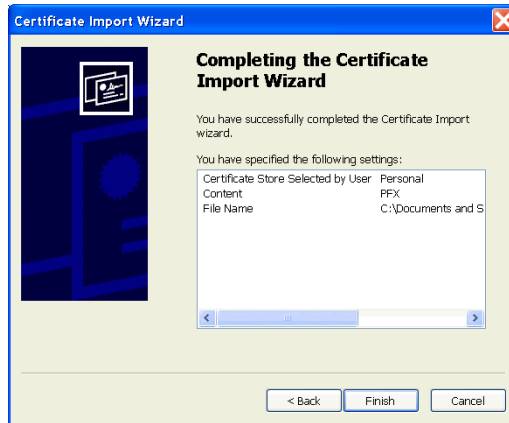


9 In the **Password field, type **qwest1**. This password is case-sensitive.**

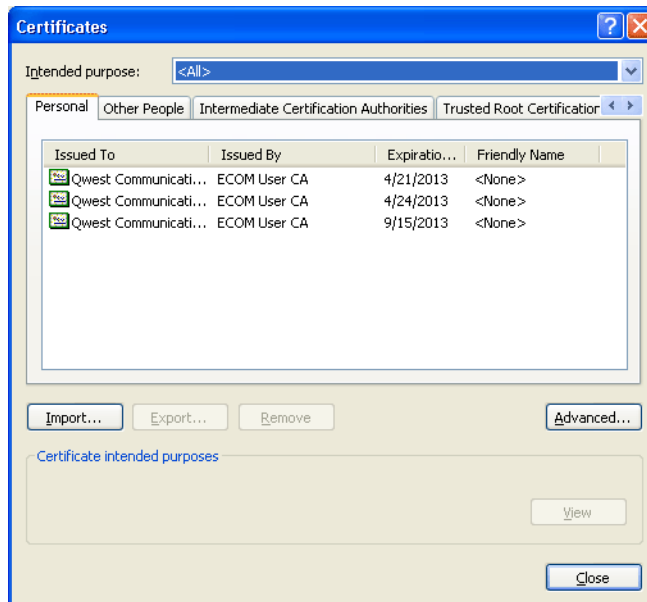
10 Click Next.



11 Leave the settings at their default positions and click **Next**.



12 Click **Finish**.



The name of the certificate appears in the **Certificates** list box along with a confirmation message.

13 Click **OK** and close all active windows.

Connecting to IMA

If you are accessing IMA over the Internet, several factors external to CenturyLink (such as your Internet service provider—your ISP—and Internet traffic) may impact response time.


If you're accessing IMA using a digital certificate, use this URL: <https://ima.centurylink.com/ima>. (CenturyLink recommends that you bookmark this URL.)

Logging in to IMA for the first time

The **Interconnect Login** window ensures that only authorized users access IMA. To log in, you need your corporate ID, username, and password. (You can get this information from your system administrator.)

See "System security" on page 6.

Interconnect Login



Enter your Corporate ID, Username and Password then Click 'Login'.

Corporate ID:	<input type="text"/>
Username:	<input type="text"/>
Password:	<input type="password"/>

1 In the **Interconnect Login** window, type your corporate ID, username, and password. (These fields are case-sensitive.)

2 Click **Login**.

The first time you log in to IMA, your password is the same as your username. As soon as you create your personal profile, you should change your password. (See page 25.)

Creating your personal profile

The first time you log in to IMA, you must fill in your personal profile before you can go on to other tasks. Your personal profile contains information that CenturyLink uses to contact you.

Tip: Administrators—you might want create a joint e-mail account and phone number so that all users have access to this e-mail or phone number in case of absence, emergency, or work flow. This group e-mail and phone number can then be entered in the individual user's profile.

Windows Internet Explorer provided by Qwest Communications

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Either an Email address or valid Fax Number is required as part of the User Profile information.

Personal Profile

Name:

Telephone Number:

E-Mail Address:

Fax:

Street Address:

Floor:

Room/Mail Stop:

City:

State: AL

Zip/Postal Code:

- 1 Fill in the fields. (**Floor** and **Room/Mail Stop** are optional.)
 - a For your telephone and fax numbers, use the format **555-555-5555**.
 - b Fill in your e-mail address, fax number, or both to indicate how you want to receive system notifications.
- 2 Click **Update Database**. (If you click **Logout**, your profile won't be saved and you'll still need to create your personal profile next time you log in.)
- 3 Click **Return to Main Menu**.

The **Interconnect Functions** window appears. Depending on your access level, you may see fewer options.

Interconnect Functions

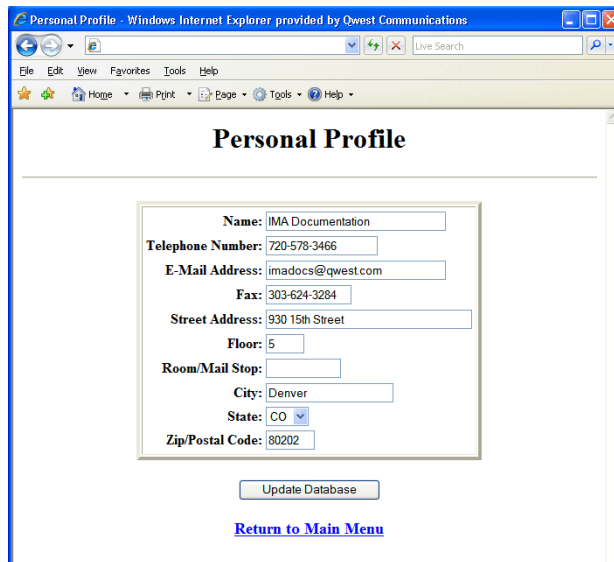
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Important: Be sure to use buttons within IMA. Don't use the browser's buttons (e.g., **Back**) or you may get an error.

Modifying your personal profile

After you have created and saved your personal profile, you can modify it further as needed.

- 1 In the **Interconnect Functions** window, click **User Administration**.

A screenshot of a web browser window titled "Personal Profile - Windows Internet Explorer provided by Qwest Communications". The browser's address bar shows "Live Search". The page content is titled "Personal Profile" and contains a form with the following fields: Name (IMA Documentation), Telephone Number (720-578-3466), E-Mail Address (imadocs@qwest.com), Fax (303-624-3284), Street Address (930 15th Street), Floor (5), Room/Mail Stop (empty), City (Denver), State (CO), and Zip/Postal Code (80202). Below the form is an "Update Database" button and a "Return to Main Menu" link.

- 2 Click in each field to be modified, and change the information. (Remember to use the format **555-555-5555** for the telephone and fax numbers.)
- 3 Click **Update Database**.
- 4 Click **Return to Main Menu**.

Changing your password

For security reasons, you should change your password often.

- 1 In the **Interconnect Functions** window, click **Set Password**.



- 2 Do the following:

In this field ...	Type ...
Old Password	Your current password
New Password	Your new password (6–8 characters, at least one of which is a number or special character)
Re-Type New Password	

- 3 Click **Set Password**.
IMA changes your password.
- 4 Click **Return to Main Menu**.

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